

Renegade Roundup



July 20th Update

July 20, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

BC's Televised Commencement

Kern County came together to celebrate the Renegade Class of 2020 at our first-ever televised Commencement on KGET and Telemundo Valle Central.

Throughout the broadcast of our 106th Commencement, we heard remarks from faculty, staff and community leaders while promoting some of our metamajor pathways and initiatives.



Links to each of the Commencement videos are listed below:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Anthem performed by Professor John Gerhold• Opening Remarks - President Sonya Christian• Remarks from KCCD Chancellor Tom Burke• There's a Pathway For Everyone at Bakersfield College• Remarks from Congressman Kevin McCarthy• Remarks from BCSGA President Samantha Pulido• Remarks from Samuel W. McCall Outstanding Faculty Award Winner Olivia Garcia• Industrial Automation at Bakersfield College• 2020 Commencement: Baccalaureate Graduates• Remarks from Congressman TJ Cox• Health Sciences Pathway at Bakersfield College• 2020 Commencement: Graduates Part 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remarks from Mayor Karen Goh• 2020 Commencement: Graduates Part 2• The Public Safety Pathway at Bakersfield College• 2020 Commencement: Graduates Part 3• Remarks from State Senator Shannon Grove• 2020 Commencement: Graduates Part 4• Corny Rodriguez Retirement Video• Sandi Taylor Retirement Video• 2020 Commencement: Graduates Part 5• Remarks from Assemblyman Rudy Salas• 2020 Commencement: Graduates Part 6• Early College at Bakersfield College• Remarks from Assemblyman Vince Fong• 2020 Commencement: Early College Graduates• Conferral of Degrees |
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None of this would have been possible without the efforts of our planning team, led by **Norma Rojas-Mora**, who was also one of the individuals who volunteered to read the names of the graduates. Our other readers were **Jamal Wright, Kimberly Bligh, and Joe Saldivar**.



Thank you to everyone who made this happen.

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Opening Week: Updated Time

This year, we will convert our usual Opening Day to a full week of virtual activities.

Mark your calendar with the updated time of 1-3pm Monday, August 17-20, and plan to join us for the State of the College address and hear about our plans for the academic year 2020-21.

Student Information Desk

Students can now meet with a BC expert face-to-face through our Student Information Desk. [Visit the Student Services page](#) for the link to the Zoom lobby, and a representative from BC will help guide you in the direction of the services you need.

Thank you to Student Information Desk (SID) program managers Dan Hall, Kalina Hill, and Jenny Frank for providing this important resource for our students to stay safe while having the resources they need to finish their education.

Academic Technology Video Resources



The Academic Technology Department has put together an [Online Teaching Resources page](#) to help faculty navigate the virtual classroom environment before Fall 2020 begins. Tutorials about Canvas, Conferzooom, Proctorio and more were recorded during the Academic Technology workshops offered throughout the summer.

Flex Week 2020 is only a month away, and there will be a number of professional development workshops offered on Zoom. [Visit the Upcoming Workshops page](#) to sign up today.

Thank you to Pamela Rivers and the Academic Technology team for helping us close the digital divide.

Measure J Update

Our various campus construction projects continue to move along as we shelter in place leading up to the start of the Fall 2020 semester. At the new Campus Center project, we've installed the walk-in cooler and freezer boxes in the Food Services kitchen. Memorial Stadium is in Phase 2 of improvements to the electrical infrastructure, press box and PA system.

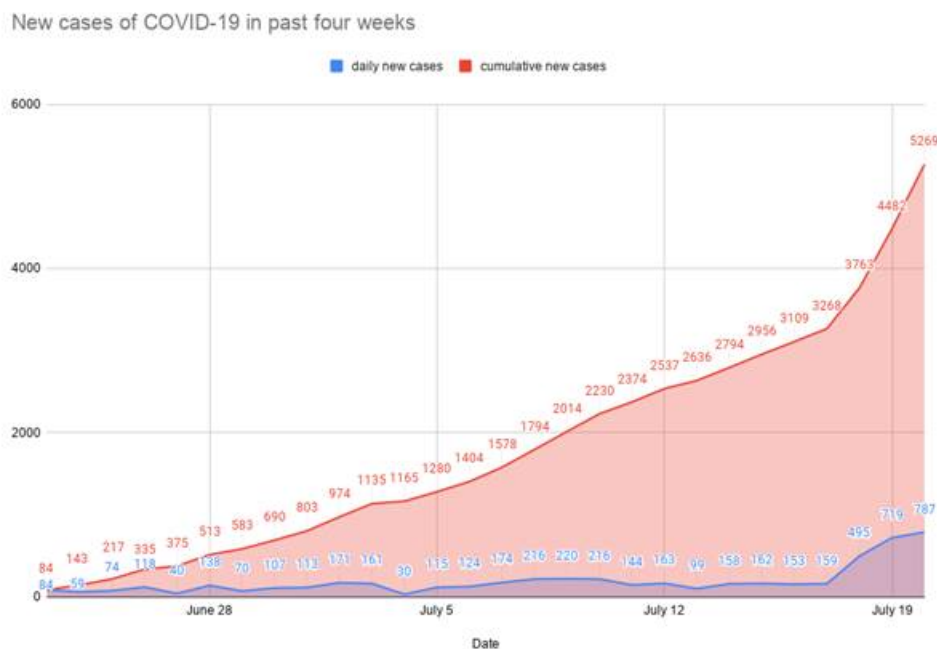
This week, we plan on having some exciting discussions about the Arvin Campus and our new parking and sports fields, and we're entering the construction phase of our new campus signage. Stay up-to-date on all of our construction projects by visiting the [A Better BC website](#).

Covid-19 Update

County officials announced that [Kern will be placed on the state's monitoring list on Tuesday, July 21](#). Starting Friday, July 24, the county will be subject to additional restrictions, including a shutdown of all indoor operations for gyms, shopping malls, personal care services such as hair and nail salons, and more. Many businesses will be allowed to continue operating outdoors under specific guidelines.

Today, [Kern County Public Health reported 787 new COVID-19 cases](#), which brings the county's total to 9,244 confirmed cases and 105 deaths. The county announced nearly 500 new cases on Saturday and more than 700 new cases on Sunday. There are as many active infections in the county as there are cases that have recovered, according to the Bakersfield Californian.

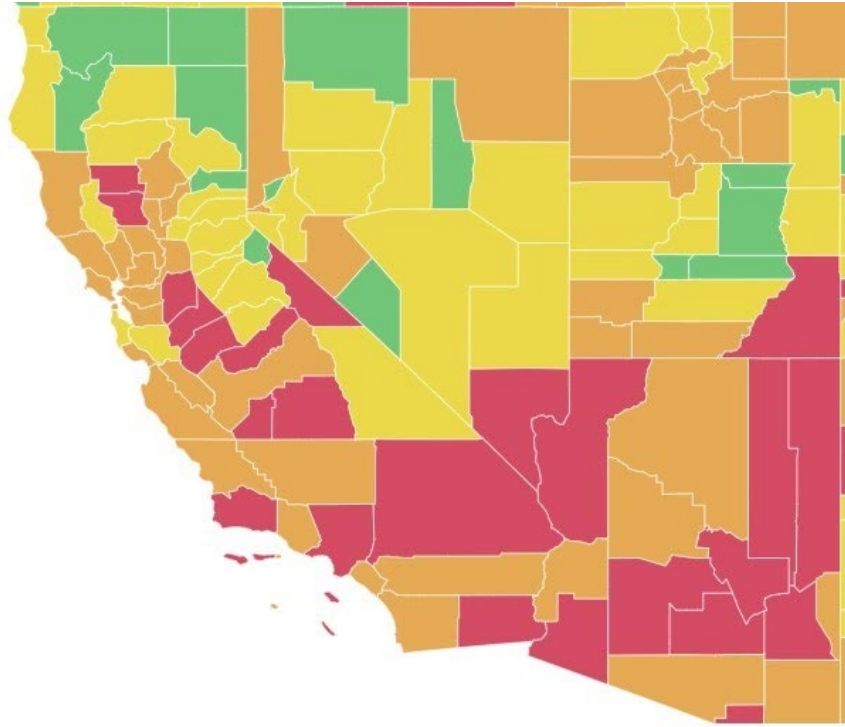
[In a press briefing on Friday](#), Governor Newsom announced that schools and school districts will only be allowed to open for in-person instruction if they are located in a county that has been off the monitoring list for more than 14 days. He also outlined additional guidelines for schools that choose to reopen for in-person instruction.



Johns Hopkins Dashboard: As of Monday, July 20 at 10:30 a.m., the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows more than 3.7 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the US. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers from July 1.

Location	July 1	July 20	Difference	Percentage
World	11,304,534	14,538,115	3,233,581	28.6%
U.S.	2,841,124	3,794,355	953,231	33.5%
California	253,270	384,692	131,422	51.8%
Kern	5,255	9,244	3,989	75.9%

Global Epidemics: The website Global Epidemics records cases per 100,000 by state and county and assigns each a color-coded threat level based on the data. California is at an orange level with 22 cases per 100,000 residents, and Kern County is also orange with an identical rate of 22 cases per 100,000 residents. However, as of 4:15 p.m. on July 20,



their metrics haven't taken into consideration the additional 787 cases announced by the county today.

Stay safe, stay healthy, wear a mask, keep the 6ft apart distance, wash your hands, let's slow down the spread.

That's all for now.Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,
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